



## With the Colors

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Wayne E. Foltz writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Foltz of Northwest Wade township, from Casablanca, French North Africa: "I am o. k. and am seeing country I never dreamed of. It is a very interesting experience being in North Africa to see how these poor people have to live. We have things pretty nice here now; have all of our clothing and plenty of food to eat.

"The French people say the American soldier lives like a king. We have begun to get passes to go to town for a few hours. The taxis here are horse drawn and the American soldiers sure get a kick out of riding around in them.

"I feel proud to be able to protect my country and my people and I know you feel the same way about it."

On December 9, he wrote: "There are a lot of things I'd like to tell you about but I can't; you know we have to be careful of what we write. I will be glad when the war is over and I get back to the good old U. S. A. once again. The people back there don't realize what a wonderful country they have to live in.

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Fay Bixler, who is in North Africa with the United States Army, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bixler of near Newton: "I've got some time to spare tonight so I thought I'd drop you a line to let you know I'm fine and I hope you are too. I've been receiving a whole heap of Christmas presents from the kids I once ran around with.

"I get a big kick out of reading the Newton Press and reading "With the Colors." It tells you where all the fellows are now and it's surprising how far apart we are now. I guess we'll have some tall stories to tell when we get back.

"Tell Ray I envy him all the nice quail he must have had, but I had a swell supper of partridge and French fried potatoes, and, of all things, a Coca Cola to go with it. It was good. I have ha swell friends who lives in Northern Wisconsin, where the deer are plentiful, and I've got a standing invitation to come up and spend a few weeks with him."

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Lawrence "Mud" Lee is spending a few days furlough with his mother, Mrs. Ed Lee of Newton. He is in the United States Coast Guard, doing convoy duty along the coast, and is assigned to a YP (Yacht Patrol) boat.

Kent V. Lewis of Robinson became the third newspaper editor in this vicinity to go into the armed forces. He is now a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He has been editor of the Robinson Daily News.

Harold L. "Red" Thompson, former advertising manager of the News, is a lieutenant in the Navy, and J. Byron Sheets, former editor of the Oblong Oracle, is a first lieutenant in the Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army.

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Private and Mrs. Homer Sherwood Shofner of Montrose are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Sherry Ann, born December 27, at St. Anthony's hospital, Effingham. Mrs.

Shofner is the former Buda Coverstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coverstone of near Gila. Private Shofner is now serving in the Army Air Corps at Salina, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heaton of Havana spent Christmas with Mrs. Heaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ragsdale and son Jackie of near Lis.

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Private Earl V. Millsap has just graduated from the Officers' Candidate Preparatory school at Fort McClellan, Alabama. He is now stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He wishes to thank his friends for the many birthday cards he received and the Christmas greetings. His address is Private Earl V. Millsap, Company K, 28th Infantry, A. P. O. 8, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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Staff Sergeant and Mrs. Victor R. Vance spent the Christmas and New Year holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vance of Willow Hill. Sergeant Vance enlisted in the service October 15, 1940, and since his transfer to the Army Transport Service in June, 1942, has made seven trips abroad. He is chief radio operator on an Army transport. Mrs. Vance is employed at the Boeing Aircraft factory in Seattle, Washington. They returned to their home in Seattle, Sunday.

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Sergeant Lyle E. Earnest returned Tuesday to Camp Butner, North Carolina, after spending a few days furlough with his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Earnest of near Newton. He is mess sergeant of Company G, 310th Infantry at Camp Butner, and tells interesting facts about the amount of food required to feed the Army.

His address is Sergeant Lyle E. Earnest, Company G, 310th Infantry, Camp Butner, North Carolina, A. P. O. 78.

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James Lee Diel is spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Diel of Newton. He is a paratrooper at Fort Benning, Georgia. These troops are made up of men who can pass the most rigid examinations and are put through an extra tough course of training, for their work is to seize and hold advanced areas, particularly air bases. They travel by air transport and land with their equipment by parachute.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weck are spending a few days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weck of Newton. He has just completed his "boot" training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and will now attend a radio school. Mrs. Weck has employment in Chicago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson of Newton are in receipt of a letter from their son, James Edward Thompson, stating that he had been promoted to aviation machinist's mate second class, United States Navy. He is in the Solomon Islands.

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Dewey R. Connor Jr., who is stationed at the United States Navy school at Navy pier, Chicago, was an over Sunday visitor at Newton.